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WHITE HOUSE FOR HAMILTON JORDAN, LANDON BUTLER AND JODY  
POWEL FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

STATE FOR ASST SECY MAYNES

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE EC9 ARE PRESENTLY DRAFTING A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH BELGIAN PREMIER TINDEMANS MAY DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE NINE DURING HIS CALL ON THE PRESIDENT, SEPTEMBER 8. THIS LETTER IS INTENDED AS A MAJOR STATEMENT TO URGE THE PRESIDENT TO KEEP THE US MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILO. IT IS EXPECTED TO COMMIT THE NINE TO THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US. THE NINE WILL PROBABLY ASK THE PRESIDENT TO EXTEND THE NOTICE OF INTENT FOR AT LEAST A YEAR, SUPPORTED BY THE LEGAL OPINION OF THE ILO LEGAL ADVISOR. ATTITUDES REGARDING THE G-77 MAY BE RELATED INASMUCH AS THE NINE ARE NOW FOLLOWING UP ON EXTENSIVE DEMARCHES TO LEADING G-77 COUNTRIES.

2. IN MAKING THE FOREGOING KNOWN TO US, THE BELGIAN PERMREP INDICATED THE DESIRE OF THE EC-9 TO MAKE THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER PUBLIC, IF THIS WERE AGREEABLE TO THE PRESIDENT. THEIR VIEW IS THAT THE LETTER COULD PROVIDE AN OPENING FOR THE G-77 COUNTRIES TO EXPRESS THEIR COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL ATTITUDES REGARDING THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED IN OUR  
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LETTER OF INTENT. SUCH A RESPONSE WOULD BE ENCOURAGED IF THE EC LETTER RECOGNIZES -- AS WE THINK IT WILL -- THE NEED FOR US AND THE IMEC COUNTRIES TO BE WILLING OVER THE NEXT YEAR TO LISTEN WITH AN OPEN MIND TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE THIRD WORLD. THE HOPE OF THE EC-9 IS THAT A NEW FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL GOODWILL WILL RESULT.

3. I INDICATED THAT I WOULD TRY TO GET SOME SORT OF ADVANCE INDICATION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING THE EC'S LETTER PUBLIC, NOTING ITS RECEIPT AND PROMISING TO GIVE EACH OF THE POINTS CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHILE, OF COURSE, MAKING NO COMMITMENT AS TO WHETHER THE US WILL REMAIN IN THE ILO.

4. I WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE THE WHILE HOUSE AND STATE DEPT. VIEWS ON THE FOREGOING. VANDEN HEUVEL

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